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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOISJAN 14 2008 JM
MICHAEL W. DOBBINS
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURTAmendIN FORMA PAUPERIS APPLICATION
AND
FINANCIAL AFFIDAVITCynthia D. Benson
PlaintiffJohn E. Potter, Postmaster General
C/O Great Lakes Area Operations
Defendant(s)CASE NUMBER 07CV7100
JUDGE CASTILLO
Magistrate Denlow

Wherever ☐ is included, please place an X into whichever box applies. Wherever the answer to any question requires more information than the space that is provided, attach one or more pages that refer to each such question number and provide the additional information. Please PRINT:

I, Cynthia D. Benson, declare that I am the ☒ plaintiff ☐ petitioner ☐ movant (other _____) in the above-entitled case. This affidavit constitutes my application ☐ to proceed without full prepayment of fees, or ☐ in support of my motion for appointment of counsel, or ☒ both. I also declare that I am unable to pay the costs of these proceedings, and that I am entitled to the relief sought in the complaint/petition/motion/appeal. In support of this petition/application/motion/appeal, I answer the following questions under penalty of perjury:

1. Are you currently incarcerated? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If "No," go to Question 2)
I.D. # _____ Name of prison or jail: _____
Do you receive any payment from the institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No Monthly amount: _____

2. Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Monthly salary or wages: NA
Name and address of employer: NA

a. If the answer is "No":
Date of last employment: 1-30-2007
Monthly salary or wages: \$3918.90
Name and address of last employer: United States Postal Services
20650 S. Cicero Madison IL 60443

b. Are you married? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Spouse's monthly salary or wages: _____
Name and address of employer: _____

3. Apart from your income stated above in response to Question 2, in the past twelve months have you or anyone else living at the same residence received more than \$200 from any of the following sources? Mark an X in either "Yes" or "No", and then check all boxes that apply in each category.

a. Salary or wages
Amount \$3918.90 Received by Cynthia D. Benson ☒ Yes ☐ No

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This question I didn't quite understand so after I receive free legal help I understand question now

b. ☐ Business, ☐ profession or ☒ other self-employment ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Amount \$4300.00 (Est) Received by Cynthia D. Benson

c. ☐ Rent payments, ☐ interest or ☐ dividends ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Amount 0 Received by NA

d. ☒ Pensions, ☐ social security, ☐ annuities, ☐ life insurance, ☐ disability, ☐ workers' compensation, ☒ unemployment, ☐ welfare, ☐ alimony or maintenance or ☐ child support ☒ Yes ☐ No

Amount \$10,500.00 (Est) Received by Cynthia D. Benson

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e. ☒ Gifts or ☐ inheritances ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Amount \$1800.00 Received by Cynthia D. Benson

f. ☒ Any other sources (state source: mutual fund) ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Amount \$5990.00 Received by Cynthia D. Benson

4. Do you or anyone else living at the same residence have more than \$200 in cash or checking or savings accounts? ☒ Yes ☐ No Total amount: \$700.00 (Est)
 In whose name held: Cynthia D. Benson Relationship to you: Self

This is a checking account so funds change day by day

5. Do you or anyone else living at the same residence own any stocks, bonds, securities or other financial instruments? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Property: Stocks Current Value: 12,000.00 (Est)
 In whose name held: Cynthia D. Benson Relationship to you: Self

Fund maybe slight higher or lower

6. Do you or anyone else living at the same residence own any real estate (houses, apartments, condominiums, cooperatives, two-flats, three-flats, etc.)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Address of property: 7337 S South Shore Dr #1430 Chicago IL 60649

Type of property: Condominium Current value: \$88,827.16 to date

In whose name held: Cynthia D. Benson Relationship to you: Self

Amount of monthly mortgage or loan payments: \$1441.29 (mortgage and assessments)

Name of person making payments: Cynthia D. Benson

This is the correct amount. I didn't quite understand the question. I thought it was the initial loan amount of \$100,000.00

7. Do you or anyone else living at the same residence own any automobiles, boats, trailers, mobile homes or other items of personal property with a current market value of more than \$1000? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Property: Automobile

Current value: \$4000.00 Est.

In whose name held: Cynthia D. Benson Relationship to you: Self

8. List the persons who are dependent on you for support, state your relationship to each person and indicate how much you contribute monthly to their support. If none, check here ☒ No dependents

NA

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct. I understand that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(A), the court shall dismiss this case at any time if the court determines that my allegation of poverty is untrue.

Date: 1-14-2008

Cynthia D Benson
 Signature of Applicant
Cynthia Diane Benson
 (Print Name)

NOTICE TO PRISONERS: A prisoner must also attach a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer or officers showing all receipts, expenditures and balances during the last six months in the prisoner's prison or jail trust fund accounts. Because the law requires information as to such accounts covering a full six months before you have filed your lawsuit, you must attach a sheet covering transactions in your own account--prepared by each institution where you have been in custody during that six-month period--and you must also have the Certificate below completed by an authorized officer at each institution.

CERTIFICATE

(Incarcerated applicants only)

(To be completed by the institution of incarceration)

I certify that the applicant named herein, _____, I.D.# _____, has the sum of \$ _____ on account to his/her credit at (name of institution) _____.

I further certify that the applicant has the following securities to his/her credit: _____. I further certify that during the past six months the applicant's average monthly deposit was \$ _____.

(Add all deposits from all sources and then divide by number of months).

 DATE

 SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

 (Print name)